



**APPELLANT'S REPLY TO EXAMINER'S  
ANSWER  
37 CFR §1.192**

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Applicant: Giorgio Trani and Marion Sterner  
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MATERIAL AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING IT  
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This Reply Brief is in furtherance of the Notice of Appeal being filed concurrently herewith.

This Reply Brief is transmitted in triplicate.

**I. REPLY ARGUMENT (37 C.F.R. 1.192(c)(8))**

**Contrary to the Examiner's assertion, the cited Schneider reference does not teach the method claim elements of forming, folding, heat sealing and/or bonding of triangles and/or wings on the sides of a container laterally to a longitudinal seal or seam of the container.**

Claims 5 and 13 are the independent claims remaining in this application and on appeal. Both of these independent claims call for the method steps of forming, folding, bonding and/or heat-sealing of triangles and/or wings on the sides of a container laterally to a longitudinal seal that runs along the length of the container.

The examiner's Answer asserts that it is the examiner's belief that the Schneider reference (U.K. 1,115,636) discloses these steps based on the showing of an extension 22 from the bottom surface of the package shown in Figure 1 of the cited Schneider reference.

Applicants respectfully disagree.

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